



## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT ASSISTANCE FOR REDEVELOPMENT

Wisconsin's **Brownfields Grant Program** provides funds to assist with the assessment and remediation of environmental contamination of abandoned, idle or underused industrial or commercial facilities or sites. This program helps convert contaminated sites into productive properties that are attractive and ready for redevelopment.

### HOW IT WORKS

Any city, village, town, county, individual, tribal entity or business may apply for funds, provided that the party that caused the environmental contamination and any person who possessed or controlled the environmental contaminant is unknown, cannot be located or is financially unable to pay for the remediation of the soil and/or groundwater.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Phase I and Phase II Environmental Reports must be completed prior to seeking Brownfields Program funding. Grant recipients are required to contribute at least 50 percent of the amount of the grant to the project.

### ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Brownfields Grant funds may be used for brownfields redevelopment or associated environmental remediation activities on sites with demonstrated soil, groundwater or vapor contamination. Eligible costs are determined during a review of the grant application. However, grant funds may typically be used for the following activities:

- The environmental investigation, remediation or monitoring of the site
- The removal of hazardous waste containers
- Soil removal, capping, barrier installation and vapor intrusion systems
- Demolition activities that will facilitate redevelopment of a brownfields project

### APPLYING FOR A BROWNFIELDS GRANT

Each successful applicant must enter into a contract with WEDC for the purpose of implementing the proposed grant. The contract will require the creation and maintenance of the project's proposed new full-time positions for a minimum two-year period. Recipients must provide regular financial and program reports and ensure compliance with state and federal rules and regulations.

For more information about becoming eligible for the Brownfields Grant Program, contact a Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) regional economic development director or call 855-INWIBIZ toll-free.

You can find the list of regional directors and territories covered at [InWisconsin.com/regional-economic-development-directors](http://InWisconsin.com/regional-economic-development-directors).

